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Regular Meeting - November 10, 1977

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Commissioner Don Jones; Judge Jack A. Page; and Mr. Joseph R. Ponds, Jr. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

MOTION Commissioner Jones moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to authorize Mr. Glackin to draw up an amendment to the Juvenile Welfare Board Act changing the terminology for membership on the Juvenile Welfare Board from "both Judges of the Juvenile Court" to "two Circuit Judges as designated by the Chief Judge for Pinellas County"; and from the "Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County" to a "Commissioner to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County".

Authorization to Draw Up Amendment

The Board members agreed that Senator John T. Ware be asked to sponsor the amendment.

MOTION Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of October 13, 1977.

Approval of Minutes

Action on the request from Pinellas Association for Retarded Children was postponed for one month.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve a supplement of \$4. per day for each Pinellas County youth residing in San Antonio Boys Village, Inc. between November 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978 on a non-committed status, up to a total allocation of \$11,520, which amount is to come from Program Development funds.

Approval of San Antonio Boys Village Request

In connection with the San Antonio Boys Village request, the Board instructed Juvenile Welfare Board staff to document the problem of insufficient funding to the Legislative Delegation.

MOTION Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to increase the allocation to Florence Nightingale Circle by \$1,907 for a total allocation of \$3,795, effective December 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978, with \$1,907 to come from Contingency. This motion also authorized Dr. Edwards to sign the amended donor contract with the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services because of time restraints.

Approval of Florence Nightingale Request

MOTION Mrs. Mullins moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion which carried to approve up to \$5,559 for the Juvenile Services Program as the local 5% match should the diversionary project application for \$133,000 in Law Enforcement Assistance Agency funds and \$7,400 in State of Florida funds be approved, effective January 1, 1978 - September 30, 1978, with funds to come from Program Development.

Approval of JSP Request

Board action was not necessary on the request from Family Counseling Center, which was within the administrative discretion of the Executive Director.

Mr. Markman explained the final financial statement for 1976-77. The Board decided a quarterly statement presented at Board meetings would be sufficient, with the understanding that members could always have any additional information they desired upon request to Administration.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that he had obtained three bids to remove the old sidewalk, remove the shrubs and stumps, grade and sod the area directly south of the building to 41st Avenue. The low bid was \$1,200 for approximately 12,000 square feet. This work will be done in early December.

Specifications for the sprinkler system with wells were being drawn up and should be ready for bidding by early to mid-December.

Commissioner Jones suggested this would be a good time to check around to be sure the Juvenile Welfare Board money was drawing the highest interest rate possible.

<u>MOTION</u>	Commissioner Jones moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried
Approval of	to approve the Historical Project as prepared by Mrs. Betty Rudd, to in-
Historical	vestigate the capability the County has for printing before going out for
Project	bids, and to see about keeping the plates from the printing for future use.

The Board discussed assigning Board members to the Youth Services System Advisory Council committees, made no assignments, and then directed Dr. Edwards to reagenda this item in October, 1978. However, Mr. Ponds was again designated to serve on the Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes throughout this fiscal year to fulfill a requirement of the License Board Act.

After review by Dr. Edwards, Dr. Coleman, as Board Chairman, signed the questionnaire on the Pinellas County "Sundown Act", which is to be returned to the County Administrator for use by the Board of County Commissioners before the public hearing dates of December 1 and 8.

The Board discussed the possibility of having a member of the Legislative Delegation designated by the Chairman of that delegation to serve on the Board, whether this would involve a change in the quorum needed, and whether it would be helpful to have a Board minimum set, with a majority of those present needed for votes. Dr. Edwards is to talk to the Chairman of the Delegation and get a reaction from him before the next meeting.

Dr. Edwards reported that the fourth Legislative Workshop sponsored by the Juvenile Welfare Board was held on November 1, 1977. Over 100 attended the Workshop with excellent representation of the Delegation. Favorable comments have been received.

Mrs. Barbara Finck received the Athena Award from Florida West Coast Professional Chapter of Women in Communication for her work in Latchkey program development.

The conference room average daily usage for October was 60.

Dr. Edwards reviewed with Board members a copy of "Splinters Straight from the Board", which contains informational material distributed to all staff relating to actions and discussions occurring at the monthly Board meeting. Dr. Edwards wrote the material to keep staff better informed of the overall work of the Board.

The Personnel Committee (Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Eckert) reported that they had deliberated with and without Dr. Edwards and had concluded from the replies received from the evaluation forms sent to all staff and all Directors of agencies funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board that Dr. Edwards had received an exceptionally high rating from both groups. As a result of the evaluation, the Personnel Committee recommended a multi-year contract for Dr. Edwards.

MOTION  
Approval of  
Three-Year  
Contract

Mrs. Mullins moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion which carried to extend Dr. Edwards' contract for three years (from October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1980).

No firm recommendation regarding a merit increment was presented, but the Personnel Committee was requested to meet to discuss such a salary increment.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the following dates: December 8, 1977 (Juvenile Welfare Board office, 4140 - 49th Street North, St. Petersburg) and January 12, 1978 (Family Counseling Center, 2960 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater).

*Mrs. James D. Eckert*  
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Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary